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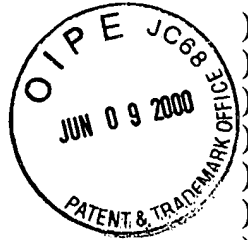
In re Application of

Toshiaki Kanemitsu et al

Appln. No. : 09/157,318

Filed : September 21, 1998

For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN
ANNULAR MEMBER MADE FROM A
METAL SHEET HAVING A PERIPHERAL
WALL (AS AMENDED)



) Art Unit: 3726

) Ex: E. Compton

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 in a bona fide effort to place this application in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, line 24, before "portion" insert --or stepped--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of manufacturing an annular member from a disc-shaped metal sheet material defining an outer periphery comprising the steps of: